

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

May 15th, 2016

“The LORD hath heard
MY supplication;
the LORD will receive
MY prayer.”

PSALM 6:9 (JOHN 17:24)

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School 10:00 am

Sunday Worship 11:00 am

Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm

Nursery

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

Our LORD says—“...*him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*” Why is that beloved? Because our GOD declares that HE “...*will not cast away a perfect man!*” — Every sinner who comes to CHRIST for salvation is made perfect through HIS doing and dying! Praise the LORD! *he hath perfected HIS people forever.*

(JOHN 6:37, JOB 8:20, 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21, HEBREWS 10:14)

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FAITHFUL MINISTERS

THEN PHILIP OPENED HIS MOUTH, AND BEGAN AT THE SAME SCRIPTURE, AND PREACHED UNTO HIM JESUS. — ACTS 8:35

Philip didn't preach a theology, he didn't preach a personal opinion, he didn't preach a pet doctrine or an issue, beloved he preached a person; he opened his mouth, and from the scriptures he preached JESUS.

All faithful ministers, men sent of GOD, preach CHRIST JESUS and HIM CRUCIFIED; they don't preach themselves—they are not men pleasers, they are your servants for Jesus sake. (2 CORINTHIANS 4:5)

Beloved, I pray that the LORD will ever enable me to open my mouth and preach to you JESUS. That through HIS undeserved grace, HE will ever make me to be your *faithful minister* of CHRIST. (COLOSSIANS 1:7)

PASTOR

WHEREFORE REMEMBER

...YOU HATH HE QUICKENED, WHO WERE DEAD IN TRESPASSES AND SINS.
— EPHESIANS 2:1

Beloved, remember; you were **RUINED**...being without CHRIST—dead in trespasses and sins. (EPHESIANS 2:1,12)

Beloved, remember; you are now **REDEEMED**...made nigh by the blood of CHRIST. (EPHESIANS 2:13,14)

Beloved, remember; you are **RECONCILED**...CHRIST has reconciled both Jew and Gentile unto GOD in one body by the cross, has through HIS sacrifice, by HIMSELF purged all our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high (EPHESIANS 2:16, HEBREWS 1:3)

GOD now dwells in all believers, through the operation of the blessed Holy Spirit; CHRIST dwelling in us now—is our earnest anticipation of enjoying the abiding, physical, presence of our SAVIOUR for all eternity. (EPHESIANS 1:14; 2:14-22)

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Beloved, a man preaches a false gospel, if he declares that CHRIST died to make salvation possible for all men without exception.

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OF GOD ARE YE IN CHRIST JESUS

...THE LORD GOD MAKE COATS OF SKINS, AND CLOTHED THEM.
GENESIS 3:21

Beloved, the reason why Adam and Eve were found clothed in these *coats of skins*; is the same reason why you, who believe on CHRIST, are found in HIM.

You see, salvation is GOD providing for you in CHRIST, not you providing for yourself. Salvation is GOD clothing you in CHRIST, not you clothing yourself.

If you are in CHRIST, saved by HIS blessed person and finished saving work, you are found in HIM according to the good pleasure of HIS will, not yours—though HE makes us willing. (PSALM 110:3)

Salvation is GOD's provision for sinners in CHRIST, not ours; And HE who makes CHRIST to be our coat of salvation, is the one who graciously dresses us in HIM, and makes HIS righteousness to be ours!

Beloved, of GOD are ye in CHRIST JESUS! (1 CORINTHIANS 1:30) **PASTOR**

TAUGHT OF THE LORD

...UNDERSTANDEST THOU WHAT THOU READEST? AND HE SAID, HOW CAN I, EXCEPT SOME MAN SHOULD GUIDE ME? — ACTS 8:30-31

The eunuch thought that if he was going to understand the scriptures, a man should guide him. How true that is, but not in the way he thought, for there is only one man that can lead and guide us to understand the BIBLE and have it opened to the understanding of our heart (though Philipp was the LORD's instrument) it was the LORD that opened the BOOK to the eunuch. All GOD's people will have the BOOK opened to them, by the GOD man CHRIST JESUS the LORD. (LUKE 24:25-27) **PASTOR**

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Beloved, rejoice! He set you apart to make you perfect by His one offering, for ever! *“by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.”*

HEBREWS 10:14

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REFORMED?

COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE, THAT YE BE NOT PARTAKERS OF HER SINS, AND THAT YE RECEIVE NOT OF HER PLAGUES — REVELATION 18:4

A very popular term in our day is the term *“reformed.”* People who believe the doctrines of grace are generally referred to as *“reformed,”* or believing the *“reformed faith.”* This is supposed to mean that they find their roots in the Protestant reformation. But I am not so sure this is a good term. Here's why.

“The faith” is not a product of the Protestant reformation. It comes from the word of GOD. It is called in GOD's word *“The faith, the common faith, and the faith of GOD's elect.”* It never was corrupted and never needed reforming! It is perfect!

Another problem with this is that GOD's word to us is not to *“reform”* a corrupted religious system, but *“Come out of her My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”*

I thank GOD for those men called *“the reformers”* and what they did. But do we want to be identified with *“the reformed faith”* or the faith of GOD's elect? GOD's elect prefer the latter.

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